## **REDS NEAR FAILURE**

Complete Breakdown of Parlevs Over Prisoners Expected.

ESTHONIANS

of Soviet Government

Toward Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sun from the London Times Service!

Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved LONDON, Dec. 17 .- A complete break down of the negotiations at Copenhagen for the exchange of prisoners of war and civilians between Great Britain and

Soviet Russia is expected.

A conference between the Baltic States will be held before Christman in order to discuss the possibilities of a military convention. The reason given is that the Belsheviki in their discussions at Dorpat with the Esthonians demanded a strategic frontier and declined to take plebiscits. There was also disagreement as to the Esthonians' share in Russia's debts. The discussions are reported to

By the Associated Press. DORPAT, Dec. 16 .- M. Peska, the Esthonian Foreign Minister, in a state-ment to the conference of the Baltic States, declared the Esthonian delegation doubted the possibility of peace and was "suspicious of the real sentiment toward peace of the Soviet Russian Government." He proposed adjournment of the conference until January 3. but M. Joffe, the Bolshevik representa

It was finally agreed to await the arrival te-morrow of Gen. Kohtyæff of the Soviet delegation, who accompanied M. Krassin to Moscow to consult their Government, before deciding on postponement.

Observers offered the opinion that . the conference was postponed it would mean the definite breaking up of the peurpariers. This belief is inspired by conjectures which represent France as planning a campaign against sovie

M. Poska sald: "The Esthonian dele ernment. The present pourpariers were begun at the invitation of the soviet Rus-

the proclamation spread among the tne soldiers of the Red army on the Narva front it may be inferred that recent walked away from the building. The posterior attacks were undertaken to break liceman stationed as a sentry at the servient to the will of the experimentar. itch forces have been annihilated, From lock and key.

M Joffre entered a general denial of these contentions and declared the soviet delegation would be in a position on the return of Gen Kohtyaeff to continue the an answer to the final proposals of Es-

Reds Also Say Kupiarsk Is Now in Their Hands.

London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kupiarsk, southeast of Kharkov, are claimed in a Bolshevik statement received from Moscow by wireless to-day.

Riev, capital of the Ukraine, has shifted hands several times in the civit warfare that has been in progress in Russia for nearly two years. The Bolsheviki were last driven from it early in September, Denikine's troops occupying the city. The recent offensive by the Soviet troops, in which they have driven south along virtually all of Denikine's front in south Russia, has been threatentre Klev for some time.

PERSIAN "MASSACRE" A "RED" INVENTION

Report of 1,300 British Killed Just Propaganda.

sheviki that hostile Persians had messa-cred the British garrison of 1,300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the War Office to-day. The announcement stated that this report "had been repeated to the War Office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command." The despatch

It is declared by officials here that the report was obviously Bolshevik propa-ganda intended to stir up trouble in the DUBIOUS

Bush particularly in India, by persuading the natives that such massacres were easily possible. The Bolsheviki have been making unusual efforts to apresul revolutionary propaganda if India in the hope of starting a revolt, it was added, and they are also working Suspicious of Real Sentiment assiduously to the same end in Afghanis-

Meshed is in north-eastern Persia and northwest of Herat, Afghanistan. There have been recent evidences of Bolshe-viki propaganda taking effect in Afghan-

### DEMAND FIGHT ON

Socialists' Proclamation Siberia Is Attached.

Inkursk, Siberia, Dec. 17 .- The organ vatsky Dennik, criticises a proclamation the lecturer, who, he said, had made issued by a group of Socialist revolutionists in Siberia demanding that the Czechs open hostilities against Admiral Kolchak or leave Siberia. The paper says that the Czecho-Siovaks always have supported the cause of the Russian democracy and that instead of gratitude hey witness now an endeavor to involve them in political troubles. The Czecho-Slovaks, the article concludes, will be able to withstand this effort.

The All-Russian Government has de-cided to enlarge the membership of the Congress of Zemstvos and municipalities ("Zemsky Sobor") by giving the right to number of new organizations to send heir representatives and, in general, by democratizing the electoral law so that will possess legislative power. It is ex-pected that Admiral Kolchak will con-firm this decision of the Cabinet on his graphical to find a parallel even in modern graphical to find a parallel even in modern graphical to find a parallel even in modern graphical to find a parallel even in modern

#### POILU IN DISGUISE LOOTS GERMAN BANK gation doubts the possibility of peace and is suspicious of the real sentiment toward peace of the soviet Russian Gov-Arrests Him.

AIX-LA-CHAPPELLE, Dec. 17 .- A French tice, but the point of view of the saviet soldier wearing the uniform of a Cap- look down upon the sluggish earth, for Russian delegation toward an armistice tain of the Belgian army called on the by the time it had made one revolution Russian delegation toward an armistice has changed, and this Government now appears to want peace. Hostilities, however, have not ceased, and it is a fact that warfare is continuing on a more violent scale than ever. "It is difficult to believe the declaration of the soviet Russian Government bied the staff of the bank. He then assembled the staff of the bank and the manathat the attacks of the Red army are made only against the army of Gen Yudenitch, because the official paper, the denitch, because the official paper, the forces have been annihilisted. From the down of the bank and the manathat the attacks of the Red army are ger in a room, the door of which he manathat the attacks of the Red army are ger in a room, the door of which he manathat the attacks of the Red army are ger in a room, the door of which he manathat the manathat the attacks of the Red army are ger in a room, the door of which he manathat the manathat the attacks of the Red army are ger in a room, the door of which he manathat the m

the military power of Esthonia and punish the bandits of the White Esthonian
Government. All of these circumstances
make us suspicious of the real sentiment
toward peace of the soviet Russian Gov-The policeman arrested the thief and turned him over to the Belgian police.

COLD END TO WARM FEARS.

Montreal, Expecting Brimstone Got the Reverse.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17 .- Persons who to-BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE day expected the end of the world, with perhaps a shower of fire and brimstone. were puzzled on awakening to find the KIEV. THEY REPORT thermometer registering 15 degrees be-

ow zero. Newspapers received many queries as to whether the cold wave was to be interpreted as the beginning of the end.



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from the Meshed commander was re-leived at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Remarkable Demonstration Is Given by Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose in London.

HUGE MAGNIFYING POWER

Instrument Makes Movement of Snail Faster Than Velocity of 15 Inch Shell.

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an instrument to show plants actually KOLCHAK BY CZECHS growing was made yesterday by Sk Jagadis Chandra Bose in the India Office, at a meeting over which A. J Balfour presided. The instrument is a kind of super-microscope, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Balfour f the Czecho-Slovak army, Czecho-Slo- paid a warm tribute to the work of in

discoveries of worldwide interest. Sir Jagadis holds that the most intense activities of life often are imperceptible; for instance, within the undinary plant incessant throbbings asso-clated with its growth are in progress. One Big Union, which he termed indus-trial unionism, he declared low wages, plants being about 1- ingmen.

1,000th part of an inch per second. The observation of this slow growth is board, he declared the Government rep-made easy by this new magnetic crescograph, an instrument Sir Jagadis in-vented especially for this purpose and of railway shopmen to accept the award which in operation is for this purpose equivalent to magnifying the highest broad masses of the population may be powers of the microscope 100,000 times. To illustrate this tremendous magnifiwill consist only of elected members and cation he mentioned that the movements of a snail under the crescograph would appear to be so capid that it would be

> A fifteen inch gun on the supercreadnought Queen Elizabeth threw a shell with a muzzle velocity of about 8,500,-000 feet an hour; the crescographic snail would appear to move at 200,000,000 feet an hour, or twenty-four times faster than the cannon shot. For a closer par-allel he turned to cosmic movements. A point on the equator whirls around at a rate of more than 1,000 miles an hour, but the crescographic snall might well

nut a limit to magnification higher than

rest; the timely application of stimulants revives the dying plant and increases its life activity to many times the normal.

RAILWAY TERMINAL Armed and Masked, They

Seek Munitions in Cork.

CORK, Dec. 17.-Two hundred Sinn Feiners raided the Cork railway terminus at midnight, masked men holding up the employees at the points of re-volvers. The clerks were driven from their offices and the engineers and firemen from their locomotives. The sig-nal men were forced to quit their shel-ters and all the railway men thus rounded up were kept prisoners in a ware-house for an hour. The terminus is only 260 yards from the principal po-lice station, but the raid passed unno-ticed by the police officials.

The raiders searched the premises for arms and ammunition supposed to be there for transit to military stations on the south coast. It is stated they

JUSTIFIES "ONE BIG UNION."

Russell, Accused of Sedition in Canada, Defends Activities.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17 .- Taking the stand his own defence, R. B. Russell, charged with seditious conspiracy in connection with the Winnipeg general strike last May, outlined at his trial here to-day reasons for unrest among workmen which he said led to the walk-

Seeking to justify organization of the Extreme difficulty in investigating these in the past has been due to the extraor- unions and orders in council prohibiting dinary slowness of growth, the aver- strikes had aroused the anger of work-Referring to the Government railway

of the board in 1918, announced workers would be put in khaki and forced to



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> Surrendered Craft. Rio Janeiro, Dec. 17 .- The Brazilian Government has been advised that the Peace Conference is making a distribution of surrendered German warships

A despatch from Paris December 9 to take an extended vacation to improve said the Supreme Council had decided the condition of his health. that day the principles on which the light I is reported that an official an-German warships would be divided rouncement of Sir Robert's decision will ong the smaller Powers for coast de- be issued soon.

ASK BORDEN TO STAY.

Canadian Cabinet Urges Premier Not to Resign.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Members of Sir Robert Borden's Cabinet, it was said to-day in semi-official quarters, have urged him not to resign as Premier but

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